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NEW OFFICES

by Rosita Betancourt

As the newly elected editor of "THE SPIRIT," I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new staff members. I would also like to welcome you, our readers, to the new and improved SPIRIT. Our staff is bigger and better this semester, and they are all excited and eager to get to work. We will do our best to cover the events at St. Joe's and those events that affect the students and faculty at St. Joe's. If you have any news items to contribute, please drop them off in our new office in Room 101. We will have issues out every two weeks, so don't forget to pick up your copy. Look for upcoming fundraisers as the semester gets underway. There is still time to become a SPIRIT staff member. Meetings are held every Tuesday, at 11:40 in the red room. Feel free to drop by.

Once again, I would like to welcome you to SJC's one and only news publication, THE SPIRIT. I hope you will support us throughout the year.

Debbie Kramer
-EDITOR-



A long awaited addition to St. Joseph's has finally been realized. Every year the President of the college, S. George Aquin O'Connor tries to improve at least one aspect of student life. This year's improvement, which was suggested by many, including the Dean of Students, S. Teresa Avila Burke, and the Student Activities Director, Sherrie VanArnam, was to build new offices for the student council. It was then decided that room 101, which had been primarily the Office of Student Activities, was the best place to situate the new offices.

Three offices were built and then divided among the student council officers, the SPIRIT staff, and the yearbook staff. They have been set up so that upon entering the room you are facing Sherrie's desk. The office closest to the door is shared by the President of the Student Council, Lisa Kump, and Secretary, Maryellen Daly. The second office is shared by the yearbook and newspaper staff, headed by Lynn Giangrande and Debbie Kramer, respectively. The Vice President of the Student Council, Raymond Edwards and the Treasurer, Sean Joy, share the last office.

"I think it's great! And it is the most workable solution to the space shortage," is Sherrie's opinion. It makes it easier for her to find the officers and for them to find her. Debbie Kramer, "THE SPIRIT" editor, is glad the staff finally has a definite place to meet and work.

A FRESHMAN OPINION

by Theresa McFeeley

Maybe you're the type of person who likes feeling lost, confused, and out of place. If so, being a freshman should be a thrill for you! For most normal people, however, starting in a new school can be a nerve-racking and sometimes quite scary experience!

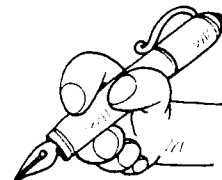
It takes time to adjust to any situation. Even upper-classmen will agree, because it wasn't too long ago that they too were experiencing college life for the first time. They can sympathize with the term-paper and final exam anxieties. Not to mention arriving in class twenty minutes late because you couldn't find the right room. That's probably the reason why they are so helpful to incoming students.

SJC students create a very friendly atmosphere that even the shyest of people will feel right at home in. Of course, the faculty largely contributes to this "homey" feeling as well. They try to prove that being a freshman isn't all that bad (believe it or not). And suddenly you realize that just because you feel like the youngest, most unintelligent form of life, doesn't mean you get treated like one.

Aside from all this, going to college does take some getting used to. In high school, there were designated times for arrival, departure, and lunch (they'd rather you starve than eat at the "unappropriate" time.) "No gum chewing in English class" was another popular rule, and it's off to detention if you are found in the hall without a pass. It is important to realize that with college comes new freedom and responsibilities. The teachers will not be looking over your shoulder anymore.

So all you freshmen--myself included--stick it out this year. Pretty soon we'll be the ones who'll have to introduce the new students to the finer aspects of college life: ping-pong, pool, The Alibi, and a chance to watch the soaps between classes.

BOOSTERS:



Happy Birthday, I'm Sorry, Congratulations, I Love You, Good Luck. If you can't say it in person, say it with words. If you would like to have your message printed in the paper, submit your name, message, and \$1 to Debbie Kramer, or to Sherrie VanArnam, in room 101. It will be printed in the following issue. It's a great way to say that special something to that special someone.



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Chapel Players is on its way to another great performance. This fall they are going to put on the play "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward. This comedy has a cast of veterans along with some new faces, under the leadership of Dr. Radus. We can all look forward to this exciting production in November.

Junior Class Night

The annual Junior Class Night and Ring Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium. Junior Class Rep Chris Crisona will be heading the ceremony this year. Refreshments will be served after the rings are blessed and distributed.

The Photography Club, consisting of twenty-six members, held their first formal meeting on October 4, 1988. After a very successful meeting, the club has decided to have monthly photo exhibits.. Announcements of dates will be posted throughout the school.

A GHOSTLY EVENT

This year's Halloween Mixer, which will be sponsored by The Science Club, will be held on Friday, Oct. 28th and will be a bewitching event. St Joe's own Edward Smallman and his band ANTHEM will provide the Rock and Roll LIVE on our very own stage, with some ghostly tunes that will wake the dead. Show your 'SPIRIT' by coming to the mixer dressed as your favorite witch, bat, sandwich, or teacher. This frightfully delightful experience will begin at 8:00 and will conclude at the witching hour. Refreshments will be served. Come in costume, cash prizes will be awarded for the best one.



NEW REGISTRAR

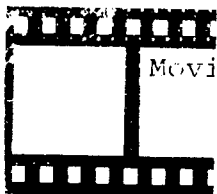
by Kimberly Rackett

Lisa Freeland, our new Registrar, has been here nearly a month and already she's been taken in by our school's atmosphere. "Helpful, friendly, and supportive" is her definition of St. Joseph's administration and students. "Everyone tries his/her best to get to know each other personally."

Ms. Freeland recently entered the St. Joseph's community from Queens College, where she was a programmer. She hopes that here, in a smaller college, she will be better able to get involved in the greater aspects of college life. Ms. Freeland brings genuine understanding of the overall function of a college as well as valuable knowledge of the inter-relations of the administrative offices. As Registrar, she maintains student records, handles registration, and manages various other responsibilities that find their way to her office. Although she finds it difficult to foresee specific long-range plans and changes, she asserts that she will try her best to make St. Joseph's the best it can possibly be.

As the year progresses, Ms. Freeland will continue to brave the Myrtle Avenue chaos in order to get to her new job, one she is beginning to rely on as her "second home."





Movie Review: PUNCHLINE ***

Starring Tom Hanks
and Sally Field

by Maria Maniace

As the saying goes, "Laughter is the best medicine." In the case of "Punchline," this statement contains a great deal of irony.

Tom Hanks plays a med student with no desire to be in medical school. This is because his brother and father and all his male relatives before him were doctors. Tom's character, Dave Gold, is obsessed with his night time job of being a stand-up comedian.

Sally Field, on the other hand, plays a frustrated housewife with the desire to do more than just cook, clean, and take care of her three teenage daughters and husband. She is truly determined to become a good comedienne. She and Hanks do not exactly become instant friends but their relationship does blossom as the movie progresses.

Do not be fooled by the title; this movie contains both humor and drama. Hanks does such an impressive job, he should be considered for nomination for an Oscar, and Field is her usual delightful self.

G.S. DIVISION DIARY

by Maria Ortiz

This year looks like an exciting one for the General Studies division of St. Joseph's College. Being added to the curriculum are three new courses: Statistical Methods and Research; Research Seminars in Management of Human Resources; and Theoretical Basis in Nursing.

G.S. offers a variety of degree and certificate programs to its students, who are generally over 21. Along with the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in community health, health administration, nursing, management of human resources, and general studies, students may receive certificates in health or business.

Classes are held at night during the week, and on Saturdays.

CONCERT NEWS

by Michelle Radix



Guess who was in town this month? Well, if you have no idea. I'll tell you-- Luther Vandross and Anita Baker. They performed at Madison Square Garden on October 5, 6, 7, 8.

In a four day concert appearance sponsored by the makers of Soul Sheen products, the queen and king of soul music made the Garden the place to be. I attended the first performance on Oct. 5, 1988, and I must say the performance was unforgettable.

The show opened with comedian Sinbad (from TV's "A Different World"), whose impressions of everyday life were all but "too real."

Anita Baker's performance was, as usual, far beyond her standard. Performing songs from both her 'Rapture' and her newly released album, she kept the audience on the edge of their seats in continuous applause.

Luther Vandross. Well, what can be said about a man who can do just about anything to a song and still make it sound heavenly? His entrance, accompanied by three backup singers, was sharp and unexpected. He too, performed songs from both his old and new albums. His unexpected guest, Gregory Hines, popped in to perform their duet: "She Wants To Be Loved." I must say this was an extra treat.

Also in attendance were Eddie Murphy, Robert Townshend, Ali, and Dawn Phillips, also from "A Different World."

I really enjoyed the concert, and yes, it was definitely worth the \$30 for the ticket. So if you're ever given the chance to see Luther or Anita, don't miss it; take it from the voice of experience.



ON SENATE

by Patrick Regnier

Some of you might ask what the Senate is doing and how are they getting it done? As the Black Culture Club Representative, I find the parliamentary procedures astonishing.

In attending these past Senate meetings I have observed a great deal of disorganization; not only that, but a misunderstanding of the Constitution of the U.A., which is understandable. I feel that the Senate meetings could be more effective if the U.A. were more efficient with their work, especially with the budgets. I go to one meeting and half of the proposed budgets are tabled, because the money is not specifically allocated. If the U.A. officers had reviewed the budgets prior to the Senate meeting, more could have been accomplished.

In a brief interview with Raymond Edwards, U.A. Vice President, he stated various things. Among them is that parliamentary procedures need to be enforced, Senator input is lacking, and the U.A. has failed to set clear agendas. He also stated that the budgets should have been reviewed before presenting them to the Senate for approval.

Theresa Alfano, a Senior Senator, stated that this year's proceedings have improved over last year's. Apparently, they are more organized. This makes you wonder if the Senate ever had an effective purpose in existing.

If the U.A. Vice President is hopeful that as things proceed everything will come together, then I guess the student body can be hopeful.



LET YOUR SPIRIT SOAR

by: Karen Graham

As we begin to bury ourselves under a heap of crumpled papers, scribbled notebooks and long-winded textbooks, we tend to forget that life as a student means more than just finding the perfect quote for a term paper or memorizing the stages of child development or the principles of accounting. Being a student at St. Joseph's College means becoming a part of the school community, participating in school events, and reflecting the spirit of enthusiasm and concern for other students, as well as the school itself.

Participation in school activities is essential for social growth and integration into the college. Going to mixers, joining a club, helping the Art Club make Christmas decorations, or cheering on the St. Joe's Bears at an exciting basketball game are enjoyable and enriching events. These events are not only valuable in our present college days, but they create memories to be cherished in the years to come.

Absence of school spirit demonstrates disinterest in school unity and lack of pride in our role as students of St. Joseph's. An empty cheering section at Bishop Loughlin for a Bears game, for example, reflects an empty sense of school pride and confidence.

So let's show that we care about our school and that we are proud to be part of it. Participate in extracurricular activities and build up St. Joe's Spirit!

Nobel Laureate To Speak at SJC

Nobel Laureate Rosalyn Yalow will lecture at SJC on Monday, November 14 at 4:15 in the Auditorium. Her topic will be "Radioactivity in Service of Humanity."

PROFILES:

RAYMOND EDWARDS

by Randy Neiswenter

Raymond is a senior at St. Joseph's, majoring in Political Science. He is a graduate of neighboring Brooklyn Technical High School. Before attending SJC he received a two-year degree in advertising from New York City Technical College.

This past year, Ray (as his associates know him) was elected Vice-President of the Undergraduate Association. This new position Ray admits "is enjoyable, but takes lots of work and lots of time." He has also learned how things run and sometimes do not run according to plan. Ray has also learned "the little things about St. Joe's that not many of us know."

Ray is also very active outside of this new position. He was cast in the Chapel Players production of "The Most Happy Fellow." He is founder and President of the Black Culture Club. Ray is also a College Advisory Council member. This is a group of school administration, faculty, and the student government. The group meets one hour each week to discuss various topics.

Outside of his work at St. Joe's, Ray is an avid sports fan who loves the Mets, and when he has free time (which is not very often) you can find Ray engrossed in a crossword puzzle. His love of sports includes rooting for our own basketball team, both home and away. I can attest to this, being a player myself, and always seeing the smiling face of Ray at games.



Ray wishes to say to all students: "If there is anything at all I can do for you, please stop by and see me in my office in Room 101. Get involved and have a successful semester--academically and otherwise." Thanks, Ray, you too!"

SEAN JOY

by: Francine Nitlolo

Sean Joy, a senior Political Science major, holds the office of Treasurer. Sean is responsible for the organization and distribution of funds from the Student Activities fees. In the beginning of the fall semester, the Senate votes on proposed budgets from the various clubs; however, the officers must make the final decisions. Sean oversees and advises the disbursement of money in other areas as well. This is especially true in the area of student enjoyment. Examples of this are his rental of a jukebox and two new video games. Sean has learned a lot from being the school treasurer last year and with his experience he feels that his present job will be much easier. Although things ran smoothly last year, Sean is very confident that he can perform an even better job this year.

With a wide variety of interests, Sean is not quite sure in which direction his future is headed. He may choose to become a Navy Pilot, stockbroker, or even an actor. Nonetheless, whatever interests he chooses to pursue, I am sure that Sean Joy will find much success.

